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COMPETITIONS HELD OVER A COMMUNICATIONS  
NETWORK

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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed July 7, 2003, please amend the subject patent  
application as follows: